

**EPA and Ecology Water Quality Annual Progress Meeting**  
**November 27<sup>th</sup> 2018**  
**9:30 am – 2:30 pm**  
**Ecology HQ, room R0A-32, Olympia, WA**

*Purpose: For EPA and Ecy to check in on key water quality issues and progress in meeting the commitments in the PPA. Reflect on past year. Focus on upcoming year.*

Meeting Logistics

- Bathroom / cafeteria / basement coffee room locations.
- EPA folks will need to borrow a badge to leave room.
- People can come and go if not their topic.
- 11:00 am break – if we are running over time, those not part of the photo-op can continue talking.
- Lunch break – cafeteria, microwaves in cafeteria, basement coffee room and WOO.

**Agenda**

Time	Topic	Discussion Lead
9:30 am (20 min)	Introductions, Opening Remarks, Current Events <i>Dan – speak to budget, staffing, realignment, general EPA news. Coord w Heather on topics in advance.</i>	Heather Bartlett (Ecy) Dan Opalski (EPA)
9:50 am (10 min)	Litigation updates – brief overview <i>(More to be shared during specific topic updates.) EPA desired outcome – sharing information.</i>	Cara Steiner-Riley (EPA) Melissa Gildersleeve (Ecy)
10:00 am (15 min)	TMDLs <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deschutes River Cara - include litigation update</li><li>• Columbia River Cara - include litigation update</li><li>• Ecology's TMDL production</li></ul> <i>EPA desired outcome – information sharing and more Ecy engagement with Deschutes.</i>	Dave Croxton (EPA)
10:15 am (15 min)	Columbia River Basin Restoration Act: implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Basin Restoration Working Group</li><li>• Program Management Plan development</li><li>• Funding – authorization/appropriation/grant program</li></ul> <i>EPA desired outcome – sharing information.</i>	Dan O. (EPA)

10:30 am (15 min)	<p>Puget Sound NEP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Orca Task Force implications</li> <li>Action Agenda updates – final adoption December 2018</li> </ul> <p><i>EPA desired outcome – information sharing and strategic conversation on priorities and roles related to each (Orca TF recs and AA implementation especially as it relates to water quality/Ecology programs including their SIL role).</i></p>	Peter Murchie (EPA)
10:45 am (15 min)	<p>Puget Sound Nutrient Reduction Strategy – <i>This topic ties into EPA’s NPDES NWEA withdrawal petition afternoon topic.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nutrient Reduction Forum</li> <li>PSP Marine Source Recovery- Marine Water Quality Implementation Strategy</li> </ul> <p><i>ECY desired outcome – more EPA engagement.</i></p>	Melissa G. (Ecy)
11:00 am (20 min)	<p><b>~ Break ~</b> <i>CWSRF check photo op</i></p>	Maia, Heather, Jeff, Lucy, Dan, Angela, Marie
11:20 am (20 min)	<p>Groundwater PPA: changes to funding structure</p> <p><i>EPA desired outcome – design follow-up for reassessment of GW/SW protection work as listed in the PPA and re-establish contacts.</i></p>	Marie Jennings (EPA)

11:40 am (50 min)	<p>Non-point Source:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Management Plan to be updated by 2020 <i>Issue – 5-yr cycle update of all state non-point plans nationwide. HQ is asking Regions to begin working with their states.</i> <i>EPA desired outcome – awareness and agreement by Ecy mgmt to prepare for this workload hit so that the deliverable can be done well (tribal and stakeholder engagement, public comment) and on time. Per Ecy's request this update may include CZARA program and VCWG practices.</i></li> <li>CZARA program status update <i>Cara - include litigation update</i> <i>EPA desired outcome – sharing information.</i></li> <li>Importance of consistency between State Nonpoint Program implementation and NEP - Role of Water Quality Funding Guidelines in implementing NEP grants</li> </ul> <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 10px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <h2>Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)</h2> </div>	Dave Croxton (EPA) Melissa G. (Ecy)
12:30 pm (45 min)	<p>~ Break for Lunch ~</p> <p>on your own / Ecology cafeteria</p> <p>~ Note for PM topics/discussions Heather will not be present. ~</p>	Closing comments from Heather
1:15 pm (15 min)	<p>Water Quality Standards: update and priorities in 2019 <i>Cara - include litigation update</i> <i>EPA desired outcome – Discuss the 2019 priorities and working together to achieve results.</i></p>	Melissa G. (Ecy) Hanh Shaw (EPA)
1:30 pm (45 min)	<p>NPDES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief overview of the new MOA</li> <li>401 certification workload</li> <li>NPDES permits for Columbia dams</li> <li>NWEA NPDES withdrawal petition – <i>This topic ties into Ecy's earlier PS nutrient reduction strategy topic.</i> <i>EPA desired outcome – sharing information.</i></li> </ul>	Vince McGowan (Ecy) Mike Lidgard (EPA)

2:15 pm (15 min)	<p>Closing Remarks and Follow-ups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Program specific</li><li>• PPA SFY20-21: to be completed by June 2019<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Closing out SFY18-19: accomplishments, lessons learned</li><li>○ Gearing up for SFY20-21: program specific updates, process roles/responsibilities</li></ul></li></ul> <p><i>EPA desired outcome – clear next steps, agreement on future PPA meetings, format and frequency.</i></p>	Dan/Lucy
2:30 pm	<b>~ Adjourn ~</b>	